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Decision Concerning the Well Blowout Control Claim taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission at its 66th meeting held on 17 December 1996 at Geneva

The Governing Council,

Recalling that the Panel of Commissioners for the Well Blowout Control Claim was appointed specifically in light of the Claim's special nature and special circumstances,

Having received, in accordance with article 38 of the Provisional Rules for Claims Procedure, the executive summary of the report and recommendations of the Panel of Commissioners appointed to review the Well Blowout Control Claim (the "executive summary"),1/

1. Approves the recommendations made by the Panel of Commissioners and, accordingly,

2. Decides, pursuant to article 40 of the Rules, to approve the amount of the recommended award of US$610,048,547, as referred to in paragraph 45 (a) of the executive summary, to Kuwait Oil Company on behalf of Kuwait's public oil sector as a whole, without prejudice to adjustments, where necessary, that might be reached concerning allocation of costs after the review of other related Kuwait Oil Company claims.

1/ The text of the executive summary is attached hereto (document S/AC.26/1996/5). For the annex, containing the text of the Panel's report and recommendations concerning the Well Blowout Control Claim, see document S/AC.26/1996/5/Annex.

3. Decides that the payment of claims in accordance with paragraph 6 of decision 17 [S/AC.26/Dec.17 (1994)] and future decisions of the Governing Council on the priority of payment and the payment mechanism are in no way affected by this decision,

4. Notes that, to the extent specified in paragraphs 45 (e), 45 (f), 45 (g) and 45 (h) of the executive summary, Kuwait Oil Company may amend its other claims before the Commission, for examination by the relevant Panels of Commissioners,

5. Decides that no compensation be awarded concerning the claims referred to in paragraphs 45 © and 45 (d) of the executive summary,

6. Requests the Executive Secretary to provide copies of the executive summary and its annex to the Secretary-General, to the Government of the State of Kuwait and to the Government of the Republic of Iraq.